



FEBRUARY 2023 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. Please follow all current COVID guidelines; visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/covid) for more guidance. For more information call (413) 863-3221.

VISITOR CENTER

OPEN 6 days a week:

- Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays—Sundays, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Open Monday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed with our dynamic exhibit dioramas. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail, the center also includes the Great Hall exhibit gallery, restrooms, and drinking water. Wheelchair accessible. Located at 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls.

ONGOING 2/5—3/18

GREAT HALL EXHIBIT:

CROSSROADS: CHANGE IN RURAL AMERICA

Through a partnership with the world's largest museum complex, the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center proudly host *Crossroads: Changes in Rural America*, a traveling exhibit produced by the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street program in partnership with Mass Humanities. The exhibit offers small towns a chance to look at their own paths to highlight the changes that affected their fortunes over the past century. Includes local exhibits on Franklin County and related programming throughout the county. **For more detailed descriptions of Crossroads programming see:**

greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org/crossroads.

The exhibition is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress. *Crossroads: Change in Rural America* has been made possible in Turners Falls, MA at the Great Falls Discovery Center by Mass Humanities, Big Y, Greenfield Savings Bank and Blue Cross Blue Shield. Local sponsors include the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center, DCR, Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, RiverCulture, Montague Public Libraries, and New England Public Media.

FRIDAYS, FEB. 3, 10, 17, & 24

NICE AND EASY WALKS: CROSSROADS EDITION 1:00—2:00 p.m., Main Entrance

An easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all ages. Join others seeking fresh air and exercise. A DCR Park Interpreter highlights local history, weaving in topics from the *Crossroads: Change in Rural America* exhibit. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather and sturdy boots.

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

CROSSROADS EXHIBIT RIBBON CUTTING 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Great Hall

Be the first to see the Smithsonian Exhibit, *Crossroads: Change in Rural America*. The Board of the Friends Group, expert hosts of the monthly Great Falls Coffeehouse, provide coffee and refreshments for this big day!

MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

Great Falls Discovery Center, Connecticut River Greenway State Park
2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376, (413) 863-3221, greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org

coming events

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PROGRAMS CONTINUED

SATURDAY, FEB. 11	CROSSROADS KICKOFF 6:00 p.m. Reception, 7:00—8:00 p.m. Program. Shea Theater, 71 Avenue A, Turners Falls Jump start your Smithsonian experience with a keynote from Leo Hwang, Assistant Academic Dean, UMASS Amherst. Includes a short film about sugaring by Steve Alves and storytelling produced by NEPM. Refreshments, and musical interludes.
SATURDAY, FEB. 18	CROSSROADS: FRANKLIN COUNTY INDUSTRIALIZATION 1:00—2:30 p.m., Museum of Our Industrial Heritage, Newell Snow Factory, 2 Mead St, Greenfield Find out what industries were created throughout Franklin County, before, during and after industrialization of the Turners Falls canal. Presenters include Jim Terapane of the MOIH.
ONGOING, FEB. 19 – 26	CROSSROADS: CANAL INVESTIGATIONS Welcome Desk Why is there a canal in Turners Falls? Think flatboats, cutlery, and turbines! Explore the three reasons for the canal, including glimpses of life here before the canal was built.
SUNDAY, FEB. 19	CROSSROADS ARTIST RECEPTION: MONTAGUE AT WORK AND PLAY, 4:00 –6:00 p.m. The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., Turners Falls Digital illustrations of daily life by local artist Nina Rossi, from the <i>Montague Reporter</i> . On display: 2/5—3/18.
SATURDAY, FEB. 25	CROSSROADS: CUTLERY AND HAND TOOLS 1:00—4:00 p.m., Museum of Our Industrial Heritage, Newell Snow Factory, 2 Mead St, Greenfield Silversmith Steve Smithers demonstrates the origins of local metal industries and Marc Fournier leads hands-on tool clinic.
TUESDAY, FEB. 28	CROSSROADS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT 6:00—8:00 p.m. Montague Common Hall, 34 Main St. Soup, quiz night, and a community Conversation all in one! Enjoy a soup dinner and join your neighbors in a dialog about food, farms, and food insecurity. Free. Registration required. See greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org/food-for-thought for registration details. Seats limited. Snow date: 3/3.
ONGOING 2/5—3/18	CROSSROADS: CHANGING STOREFRONTS Downtown Turners Falls, Avenue A and 3rd Street See the village's ever changing downtown through reproduced images from the Montague Historical Society Archive on display in storefront windows of restaurants and retail stores.
ONGOING 2/5—3/18	CROSSROADS: WHOSE VIEWPOINT? HISTORIC FRANKLIN COUNTY IMAGES Discovery Center Hallway Gallery The Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association (PVMA) presents reproductions of historic maps, illustrations, photographs, and paintings exploring perspectives of the image makers.